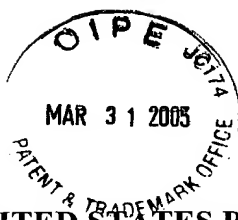


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ryuichi ISHIKAWA, et al.

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EXAMINER: PRONE, J.

FOR: A METHOD FOR CUTTING AN OPTICAL FIBER

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to April 4, 2005 for

- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: October 4, 2004.
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

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